

Remarks

I. Allowable claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 – 8, 13 – 25, 29, 31 – 34, 36, 37 and 39 are allowable as to the subject matter of group IV.

II. Amendments

Claims 1, 2, 19, 25, 27, 29, 37 and 39 have been amended without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications to embrace the scope of elected Group IV.

Claims 9 - 12, 20 – 24, 26 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

III. Request to reconsider Rejoinder of Claims

Claims 30, 35, 38 and 39 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 35 and 39 in view of the amended claims.

Claim 35, dependent from Claim 1, now amended, falls within the scope of group IV, and thus request rejoinder.

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the amended claim 39 brings it within the scope of the previously elected group IV,

IV. Rejection of Claims 9 – 12 and 26 - 28 under 35 USC 112 fourth paragraph

Claims 9 – 12, 26 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications, rendering the rejection moot as to these claims.

Claim 27 has been amended to conform the claim to the elected invention of Group IV, wherein the claim further limits the subject matter of the claimed invention.

This rejection should be withdrawn.

V. Conclusion

Consideration of the claims as amended above is solicited. Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, he is respectfully requested to call applicants' attorney at (847) 383-3372.

Respectfully submitted,

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